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SUBJECT: JUNE JWG MEETINGS

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1. DURING MEETING WITH DR. HASSAN ISMAIL, PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE TO US, EMBOFFS RAISED QUESTION OF WHAT NEW PROPOSALS MIGHT BE OFFERED BY GOE AT UPCOMING JWG MEETINGS. DR. ISMAIL SAID EGYPT HAD LITTLE IN WAY OF NEW IDEAS TO PUT FORWARD, AND SAID HE EXPECTED TO INTRODUCE NO MAJOR NEW PROGRAMS. INSTEAD, HE SAID, MEETING WAS VIEWED PRIMARILY AS FOLLOW-UP TO PROVIDE CONTINUITY TO PROGRAMS INITIATED AS RESULT OF OCTOBER '74 MEETINGS AND TO RESOLVE ANY DIFFICULTIES WHICH MIGHT HAVE SURFACED RELATIVE TO IMPLEMENTING JWG PROJECTS. THE ONLY CHANGE HE INDICATED THAT HE WOULD PROPOSE WOULD REFLECT HIS DESIRE TO INCREASE NUMBER OF POST-DOCTORAL RESEARCH GRANTS AND REDUCE NUMBER OF IVP GRANTS SOMEWHAT. EMBASSY HAS NO OBJECTION TO AN ADDITIONAL RESEARCH GRANT BUT RECOMMEND AT LEAST SAME NUMBER OF IVP GRANTS IN NEXT FISCAL YEAR.

2. HE AGAIN RAISED PROBLEM OF CAPTIAL PROJECTS, IN PARTICULAR RELATIVE TO HOPED FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF TECHNICAL TRAINING INSITUTES IN THE CANAL ZONE. HE REITERATED, HOWEVER, HIS AWARENESS THAT SUCH PROGRAMS WOULD HAVE TO FALL WITHIN THE PRIORITIES OF THE AID PROGRAM. HE POINTED OUT THAT DESPITE FACT THAT UNIVERSITIES WERE ASKED TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS FOR

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PROGRAMS TO BE FUNDED BY AID, HE SAW LITTLE LIKELIHOOD OF ANY

RESOURCES BEING ALLOCATED FOR EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS OF THIS NATURE.

3. DR. ISMAIL NOTED THAT AMBASSADOR SABRI, DIRECTOR OF THE DIPLOMATIC INSTITUTE, IS STILL PURSUING MATTER OF EXCHANGE GRANTS FOR THE INSTITUTE WHICH HE DISCUSSED WITH DEPARTMENT OFFICERS WHILE IN WASHINGTON. VIEW SMALL SIZE (20 STUDENTS) AND RELATIVE SIGNIFICANCE OF THAT INSTITUTION, DR. ISMAIL DID NOT FEEL THAT

IT WARRANTED GRANT OF SCHOLARSHIP OR ASSIGNMENT OF NOR FULL- TIME AMERICAN PROFESSOR.

HOWEVER, HE AGREED TO SUGGESTION THAT IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO ASSIGN AN AMERICAN PROFESSOR OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS TO ONE OF THE UNIVERSITIES WHO COULD ALSO DO SOME TEACHING AT THE INSTITUTE. EMBASSY

WILL CONTINUE TO ARRANGE LECTURE THERE BY STAGS AND VOLUNTEER SPEAKERS WHENEVER POSSIBLE.

4. DR. ISMAIL WAS URGED TO POINT OUT EGYPTIAN INITIATIVES IN ESTABLISHING COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS WITH U.S. PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS SUCH AS THAT WITH TEMPLE UNIVERSITY OUTLINED IN REF AIRGRAM. HE IS ANXIOUS TO EXPAND THIS AREA OF PRIVATE COOPERATION WITH UNIVERSITIES AND HOPES DR. BADRAN CAN ACCOMPLISH SOMETHING IN THIS REGARD.

5. IT WAS NOTED THAT IN CULTURAL AREA, A NUMBER OF PROGRAMS WOULD BE TAKING PLACE THROUGH SUMMER AND ENSUING YEAR UNDER AUSPICES OF CU WHICH MEET GOALS OF JWG IN MANY RESPECTS. HE SAID HE WOULD BE ANXIOUS TO LEARN OF ANY NEW PROPOSALS STATE MIGHT HAVE FOR ADDITIONAL CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMS EGYPT MIGHT UNDERTAKE. TUTANKHAMUN EXHIBIT AND FOLKLORIC DANCE GROUP VISIT ARE MOST SIGNIFICANT EGYPTIAN EVENTS BEING PLANNED. SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION HAS MAN IN CAIRO NOW TO SET DETAILS FOR POSSIBLE BICENTENNIAL FOLKLORIC DANCE PROGRAM.

6. EMBASSY BELIEVES PROPOSALS SUCH AS THAT PUT FORWARD BY MIT ARE POTENTIALLY VALUABLE AND THAT IT IS DESIRABLE TO ENCOURAGE NEW COOPERATIVE LINKS BETWEEN EGYPTIAN AND AMERICAN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

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